

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 31, 2006, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

Species A: Figures 1 and 2

Species B: Figures 3 and 4

Species C: Figures 5 and 6

Species D: Figure 7

Species E: Figure 8

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Tarla Patel for her courtesy during the telephone interviews held on November 14 & 15, 2006 with Applicant's representative Andrew R. Peret. Applicant also thanks Examiner Patel's supervisor, Patricia Bianco, for her courtesy during the telephone interview held on November 21, 2006 with Applicant's representative Andrew R. Peret.

Applicant's attorney and Examiner Bianco discussed whether Figure 8 should be considered as part of Species B. Applicant's attorney and Examiner Bianco agreed that Figure 8 should be considered as part of Species B.

As discussed during the interview, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species B (Figures 3, 4 and 8) and corresponding claims 1-14. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 15-37 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (262) 646-7009 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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